



Michigan Office of the Auditor General REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

Hunting Permits Selection

Department of Natural Resources

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In addition to issuing general, unrestricted hunting licenses each year, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also issues certain limited quota licenses. Interested hunters submit an application and a \$4 fee to DNR. DNR's contract vendor processes the applications and randomly selects successful applicants. Successful applicants must purchase their hunting licenses prior to the respective hunting season.

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of DNR's hunting permits selection process.

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Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that DNR's hunting permits selection process was generally effective. However, opportunities exist for hunters to circumvent established controls in several areas. At the time of our review, it was apparent that these weaknesses had not yet been significantly exploited.

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Noteworthy Accomplishments:

DNR was effective in providing information to hunters about the application and selection processes through various methods, such as its annual hunting guides and its Web site.

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Reportable Conditions:

DNR needs to improve the effectiveness of the hunting permits selection process by establishing comprehensive policies and procedures to address the negative effects of applicants' use of multiple types of identification. This resulted in some hunters being able to circumvent the eligibility requirements. (Finding 1)

DNR did not effectively monitor and address situations in which applicants were able to purchase multiple limited quota licenses (Finding 2).

To improve the effectiveness of the hunting permits selection process, DNR needs to evaluate procedures for processing applications when the applicant information is incomplete or invalid (Finding 3).

DNR did not have effective procedures to ensure compliance with requirements that leftover turkey licenses may be purchased by only unsuccessful applicants (Finding 4).

DNR should improve its management control to help ensure the effectiveness and integrity of the hunting permits selection process (Finding 5).

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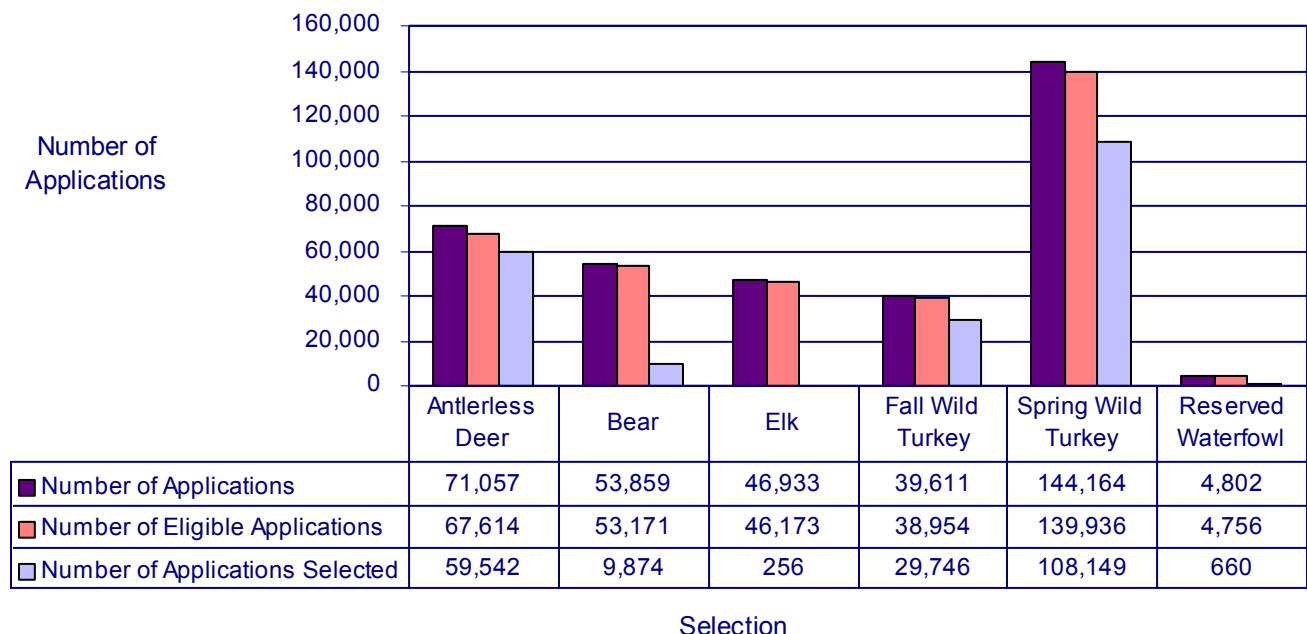
Agency Response:

Our audit report contains 5 findings and 6 corresponding recommendations. DNR's preliminary response indicated that it concurred with all of our recommendations.

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For license year 2001, DNR received applications and issued permits to purchase limited quota licenses to eligible applicants as follows:

Applications by Selection
License Year 2001



We surveyed hunters who had applied for limited quota licenses during license year 2001. The survey results indicated that most respondents were generally satisfied with the application and selection processes.

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